

EXHIBIT A

**Submit Date****Attachment** **Open****ConceptionDate****Title** Bonus Game Quick Pick**First Disclosure to Whom** Steve LeMay via email**First Disclosure Date****Earliest Recorded Date****Name1** Nicole Beaulieu**HomeAddress1** 6695 Evans Creek Drive, Reno, NV
89509**Citizenship1** US**Name2****HomeAddress2****Citizenship2****Name3****HomeAddress3****Citizenship3****Name4****HomeAddress4****Citizenship4****Others Names****Others Location****Others Approximate Date****OtherIssuedPatentNumber****Others Disclosure Title****Other Disclosure Date****Based Name****Based Location****Based Approximate Date****Based Patent Number****Based Disclosure Title****Based Disclosure Date**

Background Originally disclosed via email on
and originally documented on
, this idea was sparked during
the development of the Lifestyles bonus
game for the Panda platform. The bonus

for this game is a second screen bonus in which the player is presented with multiple rows of selectable icons. During the play of this game, the player is required to select one icon from each of the rows. The player is then given the opportunity to trade in up to 3 of their selections. The initial round of game play could easily be enhanced to provide the player with the option of allowing the gaming device to select and reveal the first four icons.

Advantages The Bonus Game Quick Pick feature adds a fresh ingredient of bonus game play to the 'select x of y possible items' in that the player can choose to select bonus elements or choose to allow the gaming device to select such elements. Further, this feature builds on player perception that the gaming device has knowledge about and control over the outcome of games. The player may choose to let the machine select the bonus elements thinking that the device will select the elements representing the best possible outcome. And, finally, allowing players to find and maintain a game play rhythm is an important element of game implementation. Players of IGT gaming devices that choose to utilize the Bonus Quick Pick feature may be less likely to find their game play groove interrupted by a bonus game. Also implied here is that game play with this feature can be expedited by the impatient player.

Comments Much like the Keno game play feature that provides the player the option of allowing the gaming device to generate Keno card selections, this invention provides the player an opportunity to allow the gaming device to select bonus elements. As an example of this invention's applicability (in addition to the aforementioned Lifestyles example), the Safe Bet Bonus of My Rich Uncle, a game currently in the final stages of development for the IGame+ platform, could easily be enhanced to incorporate

this feature. This on-screen bonus presents the player with up to five safes (one on each reel). The player selects one of the five safes and is awarded a credit amount associated with the safe selected. In this game, the player could activate the Bonus Quick Pick feature and allow the gaming device to select the awarded safe.

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balls at once", the concept can be greatly simplified: multiple balls on the playing field. Add also, a block out mode in which a bonus (or otherwise unique action / pay) occurs when all holes have been entered by a ball. Further extend this concept to include all elements on the field being hit / killed. In reference to selectable materials for balls, etc., this can include operator / player-selectable materials. Extension in obvious: reels, symbols, poker cards, etc.)

Frank Blau

- The concept of skins applied to a gaming device. The latest rage on the internet is the user option to customize browsers, mpeg players, etc. In extending this concept to a gaming device, what if we allow the player or operator to swap out reel interfaces, symbols, poker cards, all / any screen elements - to customize the look of the game.

Frank Blau

- Quick Pick feature in bonus games: In games where player selection is required provide the player with the option to allow the machine to pick ~~the~~ the required elements. Concept is much like Reno's quick pick feature where the machine generates the player's numbers when the player so chooses the option.

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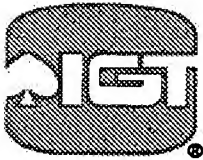
3D Poker cards to increase screen capability and card clarity for deal many hands, especially in high hand count poker such as Triple Play family of games. One style is "Star Wars" style. This would allow a fly-over view of a card game allowing for ~~x~~ poker hands where x is the number of hands determined by the player or game.

A power meter indicator which can be used to signify a "game ready" time. In pachinko the meter may indicate when a ball is ready to launch.

Red Zone Green Zone

and some more...

EXHIBIT C



International Game Technology

April 3, 2001

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Re: New Invention Disclosure
Entitled: "Bonus Game Quick Pick"
Our File No.: P-576

Dear Marty:

Please find attached an invention disclosure entitled, "Bonus Game Quick Pick" from which we would like you to review and prepare a new patent application. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the inventor Nicole Beaulieu directly at (775) 448-1758.

Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence by executing the acknowledgement block at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to me via facsimile at (775) 448-0120. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (775) 448-7775.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lena T. Van Asdale".

Lena T. Van Asdale
Associate General Counsel

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Cc: Kimberley DiMino

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MATTER NUMBER: P-576

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☒ OPEN FOREIGN FILING

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CLIENT NUMBER: 29757

CLIENT NAME: INTERNATIONAL GAMING TECHN.

CLIENT REFERENCE: P-576

MATTER NAME: PATENT APPLICATION FOR

BONUS GAME QUICK PICK

MATTER DESCRIPTION FOR CONFLICT SEARCH: SEE ABOVE

OTHER PARTIES:

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Title: SEE ABOVE

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Potential §102 Bar Date? ☐ NO ☐ YES If Yes, Event Causing: _____

Potential Absolute Novelty Date? ☐ NO ☐ YES If Yes, Event Causing: _____

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Re: New Patent Application
Title: "Bonus Game Quick Pick"
Our Reference No.: 29597/P-576

Dear Nicole:

Enclosed please find a copy of a sample patent application that we have done for IGT. Unfortunately, the first seven figures are missing. However, it should still give you a good idea of how an application is structured. Please note that this is a real patent application for IGT and is therefore confidential.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact us at your convenience.

Best regards,

Aaron M. Peters/kmm

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MATTER NO: P-576

FROM: Aaron M. Peters
Marshall, O'Toole

PAGES (INCLUDING THIS PAGE): 12

MESSAGE: Re: New Patent Application
Our Ref. No.: 29757/P-576

The sample application was larger than expected, so I will FedEx it to you instead. In the meantime, here is a set of generic drawings I mentioned in our phone call for you to look at. I will back in the office on Monday, April 23, if you have any questions, or feel free to leave me a message at (312) 474-9570.

Please contact Kristi Mikos @ (312) 474-6833 if you do not receive all of the pages in good condition.

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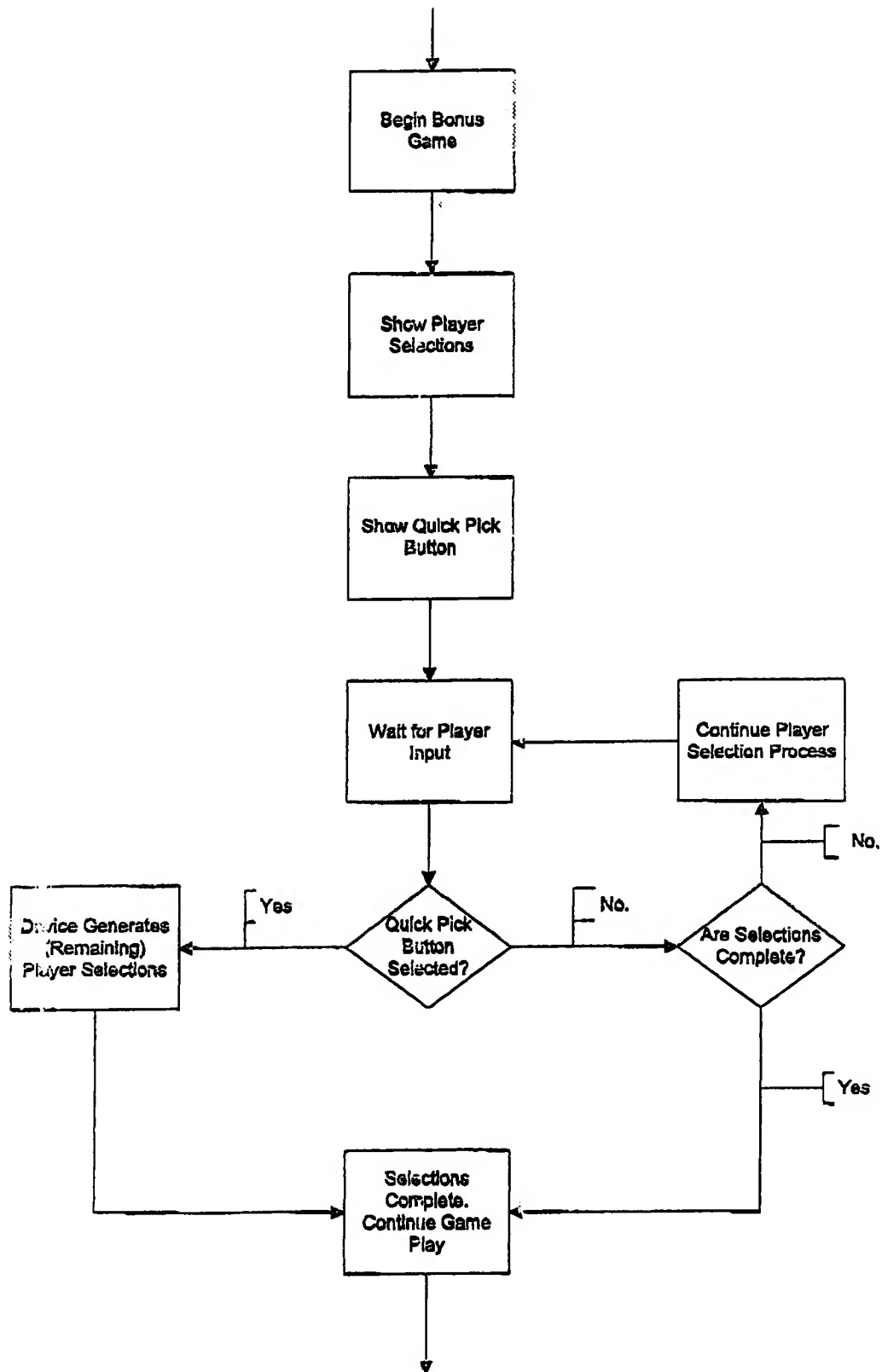
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Game Display, No Selections Made

Player Selection 1

Player Selection 2

Player Selection 3

Player Selection 4

Quick Pick

Game Display, Selection 2 Chosen by Player

Player Selection 1

Player Selection 2
Selected By Player

Player Selection 3

Player Selection 4

Quick Pick

Game Display, Quick Pick Button Selected by Player

Player Selection 1

Player Selection 2
Selected By Player

Player Selection 3

Player Selection 4

Quick Pick
Selected By Player

Game Display, Selections 1 and 4 Chosen by Device

Player Selection 1
Selected By Device

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Quick Pick

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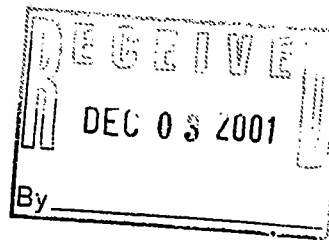
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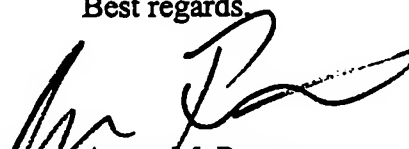
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Title: "Automated Selection of Video Gaming Options"
Inventor: Beaulieu
Our Reference No.: 29757/P-576

Dear Nicole:

Enclosed for your review is an initial draft of the above-referenced nonprovisional patent application. We also enclose a document entitled "Patent Application Review Instructions" which we kindly ask you to read prior to reviewing the application.

We will contact you in one week to discuss any comments and/or changes. In the meantime, feel free to contact us.

Best regards,



Aaron M. Peters

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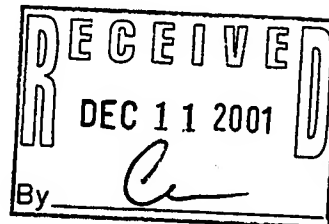
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Aaron M. Peters

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Subject: Review of Application (P-576)

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Kimberley

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From: Beaulieu.Nicole
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2001 8:04 AM
To: Dimino.Kimberley.A
Subject: RE: Review of Application (P-576)

Thanks Kimberley, I received this draft yesterday (12/4/01). I will do my best to work through it this weekend and forward it back to you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dimino.Kimberley.A
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2001 6:38 PM
To: Beaulieu.Nicole
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From: Beaulieu.Nicole
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Yes, I can. It's on my list of things to do. I will try to read it over this coming weekend -- 4 days! Wahoo! I should be able to read it with all of that time!

-----Original Message-----

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I was just following up with you on the "Automated Selection of Video Game Options" patent application? Can you tell me where you are with your review of this application? Thanks.

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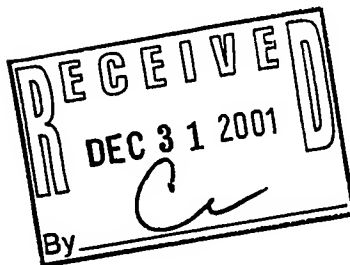
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Title: "Automated Selection of Video Gaming Options"
Inventor: Nicole Beaulieu
Our Reference No.: 29757/P-576

Dear Lena:

Enclosed please find a copy of the draft application sent to Nicole Beaulieu on November 29, 2001. I apologize for not having gotten this draft to you earlier and I hope this has not caused you any great inconvenience. It was my understanding that this draft was sent to you in the letter dated December 4, 2001.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

Aaron M. Peters

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Enclosures

cc: Kimberly Dimino (w/o enclosures)

EXHIBIT P

Dimino.Kimberley.A

From: Beaulieu.Nicole
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2002 9:51 AM
To: Dimino.Kimberley.A
Subject: RE: Review of Application (P-576)

Hi Kimberley,

I just finished up a phone conference with Aaron Peters on this application. He's got my comments and will forward a new draft along soon.

nicole.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dimino.Kimberley.A
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2001 9:20 AM
To: Beaulieu.Nicole
Subject: Review of Application (P-576)

Nicole,

I was just following up with you on the "Automated Selection of Video Game Options" patent application? Can you tell me where you are with your review of this application? Thanks.

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Title: "Automated Selection of Video Gaming Options"
Inventor: Beaulieu
Our Reference No.: 29757/P-576

Dear Nicole:

Enclosed for your review is a revised draft of the above-referenced nonprovisional patent application. We also enclosed a document entitled "Patent Application Review Instructions" which we kindly ask you to read prior to reviewing the application.

We will contact you in one week to discuss any comments and/or changes. In the meantime, feel free to contact us.

Best regards,

Aaron M. Peters

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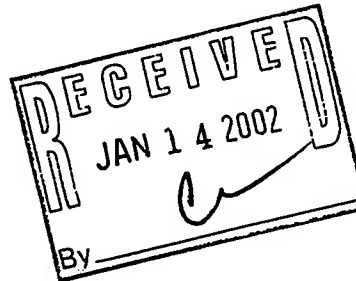
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Inventor: Beaulieu
Our Reference No.: 29757/P-576

Dear Kimberly:

Enclosed please find the Assignment and the Declaration for the above referenced patent application. The Assignment and Declaration have already been prepared for the inventor's signature.

We look forward to receiving the executed versions of these documents in the near future. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,


Aaron M. Peters

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Re: Australian Filing of Patent Application For
Automated Selection of Video Gaming Options
Inventor: Nicole Beaulieu
Our Reference: 29757/P-576

Dear Lena:

As we discussed briefly, there are a number of significant changes in Australian patent law that will take effect shortly, as set forth in the enclosed copy of the e-mail I sent you recently. The more significant of the changes are that the definition of prior art will be expanded to include use, sale or public disclosure anywhere in the world and that it will become possible for the first time to combine references to make an obviousness rejection.

Since the above changes become effective for Australian patent applications and PCT applications designating Australia that are filed after April 1, 2002, the adverse effects of the changes may be avoided by filing an Australian application or a PCT application designating Australia prior to April 1, 2002.

Although a patent application for the above matter has not yet been filed, my status sheet indicates that at least a first draft of an application has been prepared and sent to the inventor(s) for review. Thus, it appears that a patent application could be finalized and filed in Australia (and simultaneously with a U.S. application) before April 1, 2002 (and assuming we received prompt assistance from the inventor(s) if necessary).

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Lena T. Van Asdale, Esq.
January 14, 2002
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If you would like us to file an Australian application or a PCT application designating Australia (and any other desired countries) prior to April 1, 2002, please let us know at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Martin J. Hirsch

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kimberley A. DiMino (w/ encl.)
Aaron Peters (w/encl.)

Martin Hirsch

From: James Zeller
 Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 2:01 PM
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 Subject: Fwd: Significant changes to AU law from April 1

FYI

-----Original Message-----

Date: 01/08/2002 08:45 pm (Tuesday)

From: Bill Bennett

Subject: Significant changes to AU law from April 1

A couple of significant changes to AU law will shortly take effect. Please bring this to the attention of any of your colleagues who prosecute applications in AU.

1. Prior Art Base

(a) Use, sale, etc anywhere in the world will for the first time form part of the prior art base. This will apply to applications filed after April 1.

(b) Perhaps more importantly, it will become possible for the first time to combine references in the context of an obviousness rejection. Again, this will apply to AU applications filed after April 1.

PRACTICAL ADVICE - it will be desirable to place any AU application (or any PCT application designating AU) on file prior to April 1, as such application will receive the benefit of the current law which excludes foreign use and excludes the combination of references.

2. Benefit of Doubt

At present, the APO is obliged to exercise any benefit of the doubt in favour of the applicant. From April 1, the "balance of probabilities" approach will apply. This change applies to applications which are examined after April 1 (ie. it will apply to applications which are already pending).

PRACTICAL ADVICE - accelerate prosecution of any presently pending AU application with a view to achieving allowance before April 1, if possible.

Bill Bennett

Izzy's Patent & Trade Mark Attorneys
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Dimino.Kimberley.A

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To: Beaulieu.Nicole
Subject: Review of Application (P-576)

Nicole,

Just on another note, outside counsel Aaron Peters of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun sent directly to your attention an updated version of the "Automated Selection of Video Gaming Options" application. If this version looks like all changes were made to it, then let me know and you can come by and execute the formal papers I emailed you on earlier. Thanks.

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EXHIBIT U

Dimino.Kimberley.A

From: Beaulieu.Nicole
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 3:39 PM
To: Dimino.Kimberley.A
Subject: RE: Formal Documents (P-576)

I'm guessing we'll wait to do this until after I've spoken with him at the end of the month.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dimino.Kimberley.A
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 3:19 PM
To: Beaulieu.Nicole
Subject: Formal Documents (P-576)

Nicole,

Could you please come by and see me to execute formal papers for the "Automated Selection of Video Gaming Options" application? Thank you. Just as an FYI, I will be leaving today around 3:45 or so. So tomorrow morning may be better after 9:00ish or so. Thank you.

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Title: "Automated Selection of Video Gaming Options"
Inventor: Beaulieu
Our Reference No.: 29757/P-576

Dear Kimberly:

Enclosed please find an Assignment to assign the above-referenced patent application from International Game Technology to IGT. The Assignment has already been prepared for J. Kenneth Creighton's signature. Please note that we are preparing to file a PCT Application based on the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application prior to April 1, 2002 naming IGT as the applicant. Therefore, it will be necessary to designate IGT as the assignee of the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application prior to filing the PCT application.

We look forward to receiving the executed version of these documents later this week. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,



Aaron M. Peters

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Re: Draft U.S. Patent Application
Entitled: "Automated Selection of Video Gaming Options"
Inventor: Nicole Beaulieu
Our File No. P-576

Dear Mr. Peters:

Thank you for your correspondence dated January 8, 2002 regarding the above-entitled patent application. I am faxing herewith a copy of the original Declaration and Assignment, which has been fully executed by the inventor to the application for filing with the U.S. Patent Office. Please note that I have placed the original documents in Federal Express to you today for delivery first thing Monday morning, February 4. Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence by executing the acknowledgement block at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to me via facsimile at (775) 448-0120.

Should you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (775) 448-1438 or via facsimile at (775) 448-0120.

Very truly yours,

Kimberley A. DiMino
Supervisor, Intellectual Property

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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **"AUTOMATED SELECTION OF VIDEO GAMING OPTIONS,"** the specification of which (check one):
☒ is attached hereto; ☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable); ☐ was filed as PCT International Application No. _____ on _____ and was amended under Article 19 on _____ (if applicable). I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: I hereby appoint as my attorneys, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office effected therewith:

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APPLICABLE RULES AND STATUTES

37 CFR 1.56. DUTY OF DISCLOSURE - INFORMATION MATERIAL TO PATENTABILITY (Applicable Portion)

(a) A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is canceled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned. Information material to the patentability of a claim that is canceled or withdrawn from consideration need not be submitted if the information is not material to the patentability of any claim remaining under consideration in the application. There is no duty to submit information which is not material to the patentability of any existing claim. The duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material to patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§ 1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98. However, no patent will be granted on an application in connection with which fraud on the Office was practiced or attempted or the duty of disclosure was violated through bad faith or intentional misconduct. The Office encourages applicants to carefully examine:

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- (2) the closest information over which individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application believe any pending claim patentability defines, to make sure that any material information contained therein is disclosed to the Office.

Information relating to the following factual situations enumerated in 35 USC 102 and 103 may be considered material under 37 CFR 1.56(a).

35 U.S.C. 102. CONDITIONS FOR PATENTABILITY: NOVELTY AND LOSS OF RIGHT TO PATENT

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

- (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or
- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of the application for patent in the United States, or
- (c) he has abandoned the invention, or
- (d) the invention was first patented or caused to be patented, or was the subject of an inventor's certificate, by the applicant or his legal representatives or assigns in a foreign country prior to the date of the application for patent in this country on an application for patent or inventor's certificate filed more than twelve months before the filing of the application in the United States, or
- (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraph (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or
- (f) he did not himself invent the subject matter sought to be patented, or
- (g) before the applicant's invention thereof the invention was made in this country by another who had not abandoned, suppressed, or concealed it. In determining priority of invention there shall be considered not only the respective dates of conception and reduction to practice of the invention, but also the reasonable diligence of one who was first to conceive and last to reduce to practice, from a time prior to conception by the other.

35 U.S.C. 103. CONDITIONS FOR PATENTABILITY; NON-OBVIOUS SUBJECT MATTER (Applicable Portion)

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

35 U.S.C. 112. SPECIFICATION (Applicable Portion)

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same, and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

ASSIGNMENT

Serial No: _____
Filed: _____
Title: **AUTOMATED SELECTION OF VIDEO GAMING OPTIONS**

For Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assigns to INTERNATIONAL GAME TECHNOLOGY, a Nevada corporation, 9295 Prototype Drive, (hereinafter "Assignee"), its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in said application and any and all other applications, both United States and foreign, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries, which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this assignment the execution date and/or filing date and serial number of said application when officially known.

The undersigned warrants himself to be the owner of the interest herein assigned and to have the right to make this assignment and further warrants that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses, or other rights in the interest herein assigned.

For said consideration the undersigned hereby agrees, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and any and all applications and other documents for Letters Patent in foreign countries on said invention or improvements, that said assignee, its successors or assigns, may deem necessary or expedient, and for said consideration the undersigned further agrees upon the request of said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, the undersigned hereby agreeing to perform, upon request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent, both United States and foreign, and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in said assignee, its successors and assigns, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment and sale had not been made.

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WITNESS my hand this 21 day of FEBRUARY, 2001.State of QuadaCounty of WashoeNicole Beaulieu
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On this 1 day of February, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Nicole Beaulieu, to me personally known to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act and for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal the same day and year last above given.

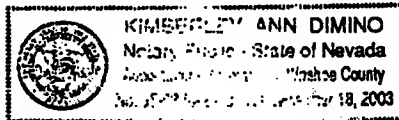
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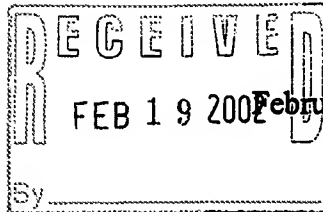
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Dear Lena and Kimberley:

Please find enclosed one copy each of the above-referenced patent application and formal filing papers, all of which have been submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office February 11, 2002.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Peters

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